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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a resolution on the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force in the territory of the Republic of Croatia, adopted by the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia on 17 July 1994 (see annex).

I would be grateful for your kind assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Resolution on the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force in the territory of the Republic of Croatia, adopted on 17 July 1994 by the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Croatia, the Sabor, at an extraordinary session held on 16 and 17 July 1994

Confirming its conclusions of 5 December 1991, 14 February 1992, 27 March 1992 and 7 and 8 May 1992, together with a resolution dated 5 June 1992, all of them in support of the deployment of the United Nations Protection Force in Croatia, as well as all the subsequent conclusions with regard to the peace-keeping force,

Recollecting that the Republic of Croatia, indeed, granted approval for the arrival of the United Nations Protection Force, having good faith in its consistent application of United Nations Security Council resolutions and its protection of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia as guaranteed by a series of Security Council documents, and, in particular, resolutions 769 (1992), 820 (1993) and 871 (1993),

Stating that the United Nations Protection Force has accomplished hardly any of the goals entailed in its deployment in Croatia, that is, it has failed to disarm the local Serbs' paramilitary formations, to ensure the return of any refugees/displaced persons, to protect and secure Croatian state borders, and to create conditions for integrating territories under temporary occupation into the constitutional, legal and economic system of the Republic of Croatia,

Expressing concern over the fact that in the areas under the control of the United Nations Protection Force ethnic cleansing has not been halted, while the destruction of civilian facilities, cultural and religious monuments, and various forms of violence, particularly against the non-Serbian populations, have continued,

Stating that the ineffectiveness of the United Nations Protection Force has given rise, and justifiably so, to the embitterment of Croatian citizens, and, in particular, of 250,000 refugees and displaced persons who have, after a series of futile actions and petitions related to the termination of their refugee status, finally entered public protests, which is understandable,

Recalling that the prolonged status quo in the temporarily occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia plays into the hands of the aggressor, making efforts to separate the areas concerned from the Republic of Croatia by a coerced change of their demographic structure and by inserting those areas into the economic and telecommunications system of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro),

Emphasizing, in the first place, that the Republic of Croatia, as a Member State of the United Nations, is entitled under the Charter of the United Nations, to have its sovereignty and territorial integrity protected against aggression,

1. Demands that the so-called pink zones be put, effective immediately, under the control of the Croatian authorities, in compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 762 (1992);

2. Demands that the United Nations Protection Force, within the shortest time-span and without delay, be deployed and that it take control, jointly with the Croatian border police and the respective customs offices, along the borders of United Nations Protected Areas and between those and Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, respectively, in compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 769 (1992);

3. Demands that the reinstatement of the Croatian civil authorities and the organized return of refugees and displaced persons to the areas under the control of the United Nations Protection Force commence effective immediately;

4. Demands that traffic by rail and road be immediately re-established, that the Adriatic pipeline be opened, that technical preconditions be created for inserting the areas under the control of the United Nations Protection Force into the telecommunications, monetary and energy system of the Republic of Croatia;

5. Requires of the Government of the Republic of Croatia that negotiations concerning a possible extension of the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force in the Republic of Croatia be adjusted to the demands stated in paragraphs 1 to 4 above;

6. Demands of the Government of the Republic of Croatia that it carry out strict control, effective immediately, of the transport of goods and people from the areas under the control of the United Nations Protection Force;

7. Decides to follow the manner in which the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council are being implemented, as well as the process of the Croatian authorities' negotiations with the United Nations Protection Force with regard to a further stay of the latter in the Republic of Croatia, owing to the fact that the justification for its continued stay has been called into question because of its ineffectiveness in carrying out its mandate hitherto; furthermore, the House of Representatives of the Croatian Sabor is committed to resuming its debate on the matter at its session in September.

House of Representatives of the Sabor of the
Republic of Croatia

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President
of the House of Representatives
of the Sabor